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Sarnia gets cheeky with U.S. company

SURVEILLANCE Fly a camera-fitted balloon 800 feet in the air and spy on peaceful, hardworking Canadians for financial gain?

My ass.

Sarnia residents are planning a cheeky protest against the Sierra Nevada Corp., an American electronic systems provider that's testing its newest technology — a 60-foot-long balloon equipped with a surveillance camera — on their city from across the border in Port Huron, Mich.

"Moon the Balloon" is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Aug. 15 in Sarnia's Centennial Park. Organizers say any Canadian with two cheeks and a sense of outrage is invited to join in.

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Metro

Metro will not publish Monday, Aug. 3. The next edition will appear Tuesday, Aug. 4.

On the web

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Busker **Balancing buddies**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Joey Albert balances on top of Paul Perreault during their noon-hour performance at Buskerfest on the Sparks Street Mall. The Ottawa-based acrobatic duo, who work under the name Phantastyk, will make numerous performances during this weekend's festival.

Full of festivals

Weekend packed with events

STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa

This long weekend offers a fiesta of festivals in Ottawa and the surrounding area. Whether you're looking for a halal snack or haggis, prefer hurtin' music or Haydn, there's something for you. Metro offers a few festive suggestions:

The Ottawa Chamber Music Festival continues this weekend through Aug. 8, with performances by the NAC Wind Quintet and Peter Longworth, the Leipzig String Quartet, and Gene DiNovi, James Campbell and Friends. Consult the festival's website, chamberfest.com.

Chamberfest is also partnering with the Rideau Canal Festival to present the Musical Breeze Bicycle Parade, a group bike ride along the canal past mini-concerts, culminating in a full performance at Marion Dewar Plaza at city hall. Riders depart Lansdowne Park at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The 18th annual Ottawa Busker Festival began Thursday on Sparks Street between Elgin and Bank, and continues through Monday with sword-swallowers, fire-eaters and assorted street performance oddities and surprises.

The Muslim Summer Festival comes to Britannia Park Saturday. The theme of this year's festival is "Many Nations, One Community."

Highlights include ethnic foods, an animal show and an Islamic bazaar, as well as games for kids.

6 There are six festivals taking place across the region this weekend.

For those willing to make a short road trip, Carleton Place this weekend hosts the 6th annual Riverside Jam on the Mississippi, a country music festival with headliners Terri Clark, the Wilkinsons and Doc Walker.

Also a short drive from Ottawa, the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville offers a weekend of traditional Scottish music, dance, sports and pageantry — including the North American Pipe Band Championships.

WPBS to stay on air in Ottawa

TV Rogers Cable has announced it will continue to carry the PBS signal from Watertown, N.Y., after having worked out solution to carry it through a fibre connection.

Earlier this month, Rogers announced it was dropping WPBS, which it had broadcast in Ottawa since 1971, and switching to the American public broadcaster's Detroit affiliate, which they said would offer better signal quality and reliability.

College Councillor Rick Chiarelli, after numerous complaints, helped organize opposition to the proposed change, and describes WPBS as "the glue that cements the relationship between Ottawa and northern New York."

"People in Ottawa view this station as their own, as one of the three stations they helped build," he said.

Rogers' vice-president of video services, David Purdy, said that they did receive complaints, but downplayed their influence on the decision.

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City youth to graduate from five-month employment program

Nineteen unemployed Ottawa youth will be graduating from a five-month Youth Retail Employment Program today. The federally funded program provided youth with the opportunity to earn $9.50 per hour while they completed in-class training and on-the-job work experience. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Crackdown on road sharing this August

Ottawa Police are cracking down on drivers who violate cyclists' rights, and cyclists who disobey the rules of the road through the city's Integrated Road Safety Program this August. Cycling safety has become a hot issue after several serious collisions involving bicycles and vehicles. Through a partnership with Fresh Air Experience, police will be handing out bells to cyclists who do not have them. In 2008, 262 cyclists were injured in traffic collisions on Ottawa roads, 20 of which were life-altering. METRO OTTAWA

Rideau Canal fest offers full long weekend

CELEBRATION Fireworks and flotillas return as the Rideau Canal Festival opens Friday with a full weekend's worth of activities along the canal to promote active living, heritage and the environment.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dancin' on the Rideau, offers eight different types of music at eight venues along the canal, everything from ballroom dancing at the Bytown Museum to African dance at the University of Ottawa, to line dancing at the Royal Oak.

On Monday, the festival celebrates Colonel By Day with a full day of activities at the Bytown Museum and Ottawa Locks.

The Ecosphere Environmental Fair runs all weekend at Confederation Park with over 70 exhibitors.

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62-year-old city man with flu dies

Third patient to die had underlying conditions, as in other two deaths: Doctor

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A 62-year-old man is the third Ottawa resident to die from complications relating to having the H1N1 influenza virus, also known as swine flu, Ottawa Public Health announced Thursday.

A woman in her 80s died in hospital on July 22 and a teenager carrying the virus died last month.

Dr. Vera Etches, the city's associate medical officer of health, said all three patients who died had underlying medical conditions.

As of Thursday 357 residents have tested positive for the H1N1 virus,

The affected residents range in ages from younger than one year old to 84 years old, although half of the cases are children and teenagers, said Etches.

Flu Outbreak

In most cases the symptoms of the virus include a fever, a cough or sore throat, with more severe cases developing respiratory problems that require hospitalization.

So far, 69 people have been admitted to hospital due to the virus, although there are currently only three patients in hospital with H1N1.

Etches said Public Health is planning for a resurgence of the virus in the fall, but they are unsure what form it will take.

"We don't know whether the H1N1 virus will replace the seasonal, predominant circulating influenza virus," she said. "We know that factors for having more severe illness include pregnancy and pre-existing medical conditions like diabetes, lung and heart disease, but we don't know whether other factors will be identified in the fall."

Rally Canadian detainee in Ethiopia

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Hassan Bulhan leads members of the Somali community in a rally outside the Ethiopian Embassy on Slater Street Thursday afternoon, demanding the release of Bashir Makhtal, a Canadian who has been detained in an Ethiopian prison for two years as a suspected member of the Ogaden National Liberation Front — a Somali separatist group in Ethiopia. Siad Makhtal said he fears his brother could be sentenced to death next week and wants Ottawa to intervene.

Exposition managers fear Lansdowne ouster

Plans for the future of Lansdowne Park won't be revealed until August 26, but some of the park's main tenants are already seeing ominous signs that they may be forced out.

Members of the Ottawa Association of Exposition Managers organize nearly 50 major shows per year, occupying some part of Lansdowne Park around 250 days out of the year, but president Michael Rodgers said plans appear to be moving forward without them.

The city is locked in negotiations with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group over future plans for the park.

Rodgers said his association won't see any details for another four weeks.

"All our discussions with those people directly, and with the city, indicate that they have no interest maintaining the trade space in Lansdowne Park."

Rodgers said they will be meeting with city councillors and officials to make their case and discussion options for Lansdowne Park.

TIM WIECLAWSKI /METRO OTTAWA

Footage

- The OAEM recently released a report on the future of Lansdowne Park. According to the report Ottawa currently is ranked 13th in Canada in available footage for consumer and trade shows.

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News in brief

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS Not everyone has the day off on Monday, but it might feel like it. OC Transpo will be running on the Sunday schedule this Monday, but extra service will be available for routes 8, 95 and 105. Except for the Rideau Centre office, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. all OC Transpo Sales and Information Centres will be closed on August 3. Ottawa City Hall, all six Client Service Centres, and The City's Provincial Offences Court will be closed. The city's 3-1-1 Contact Centre will be open for urgent matters. There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Monday. Pools, arenas and fitness centres may be open with modified schedules. All Ottawa Public Library branches will be closed

ASSAULT A 23-year-old Ottawa woman, wanted by police in connection with a month-old assault case, turned herself in to police on Wednesday night. METRO OTTAWA

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Reservist found guilty in soldier's death in Afghanistan

A military jury has found Cpl. Matthew Wilcox, 24, a Glace Bay, N.S., reservist, guilty of criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty in the death of another Canadian soldier in Afghanistan, reports CBC News Online. Cpl. Kevin Megeney died of a gunshot wound to the chest at Kandahar Airfield in 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

CSIS to be probed in Abdelrazik case

A government watchdog will launch an investigation into the alleged role the Canadian Security Intelligence Service played in the case of a Montreal man, left, who spent almost six years stranded in Sudan, CBC News Online reports. "We received a complaint from Mr. (Abousfian) Abdelrazik and we've accepted jurisdiction on that complaint," Steven Bittle, a senior adviser for the Security Intelligence Review Committee, confirmed on Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a news conference at a community centre in Adstock, Que., Thursday.

PM cautious on recovery

RECESSION With nearly 800,000 Canadians collecting pogey and no end in sight to the jobs crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is keeping his distance from those who say the recession is all but over.

"I know there are some signs of optimism," he said yesterday in Adstock, Que. But "the so-called recovery at this point is extremely fragile."

Harper was speaking two days after Statistics Canada reported that 778,000 Canadians collected employment insurance in May, the highest number in more than a decade.

Harper steered clear yesterday of agreeing with Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney that the economy would return to growth in the period from July to September.

Instead, he said governments must continue their economic stimulus activities. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Record deaths creating doubt

Questions arising over retainment of seized Afghan territory

In all of Afghanistan's fighting seasons, none has been as deadly as this one. Even NATO commanders have struggled to find new words to convey their grief as they cope with the worst month on record for coalition casualties.

News releases announcing the latest deaths arrive almost daily, expressing "great sorrow," "sincere condolences," "heartfelt condolences" and "deepest sympathies" to the families of the slain soldiers.

So far this month, 72 coalition soldiers — including five Canadians — have been killed, many as a result of offensive operations by British and American forces in southern Afghanistan to seize territory long under Taliban influence.

72 The number of coalition soldiers killed in July in Afghanistan.

The previous monthly high was 46 last August, according to the website icasualties.org.

But will the International Security Assistance Force be able to hold these hard-won regions to ensure insurgents don't come back?

The answer will determine the fate of the mission and the future of the troubled nation, experts say. And it's a question sure to prompt new questions about the NATO military alliance and Canada's own pledge to withdraw its troops in 2011.

The offensive push in southern Afghanistan has taken troops into the "belly of the beast," so a rise in violence was expected, said Seth Jones, an expert on Afghanistan with Rand Corp, a U.S. think-tank.

But Jones questions whether coalition forces have enough troops to ensure a long-term presence in these newly seized territories.

"It's hard to know what the long-term commitment is going to be ... I really don't see the numbers from either NATO or Afghan national security forces for this size territory."

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News in brief

INVESTIGATION EnCana Corp. doubled Thursday its reward to $1 million to catch a bomber who is demanding the firm shut down its natural gas facilities in northeastern British Columbia. The company will also let workers and contractors qualify for the money, a change that may signal that police investigators are shifting their ideas about who is responsible for the blasts, according to an expert on eco-terrorism. REUTERS

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Toronto to begin cleanup

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Oshawa **Free yoga**

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sherry Sutherland, a yoga trainer and employee at the Ontario Ministry of Revenue, leads a yoga class called Yoga With a Purpose at Memorial Park in Oshawa, Ont. Sherry started the class free of charge in exchange for charitable donations.

Economies will come back in 2010: Board

But outlook for Saskatchewan worse than expected

The economies of all 10 provinces will bounce back from recession next year, forecasters said Thursday, but the view for the remainder of 2009 is mixed with the Conference Board of Canada seeing Saskatchewan falling hard.

The Conference Board said in its summer provincial outlook that its expects four provinces — Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island — to avoid recession completely in 2009.

But it revised its outlook for Saskatchewan, which earlier this year looked set to be the star provincial performer, sharply lower.

It now sees that province's economy shrinking 2.7 per cent in 2009, compared with its spring forecast of 0.2 per cent growth, because of a drought hitting major crops and weak global demand for potash, a key fertilizer ingredient that is one of Saskatchewan's major exports. "What a difference a few months can make," the Conference Board said. "Major potash production cuts and uncertainty in the agriculture sector have dimmed the outlook considerably."

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Scotiabank also cited potash and low precipitation rates as drags on growth in Saskatchewan, but forecast the province would eke out growth of 0.6 per cent this year.

Earlier this year, the bank had said Saskatchewan will likely post no growth this year.

Both the Conference Board and Scotiabank expect Saskatchewan will have country-leading growth in 2010.

The Conference Board forecast 3.5 per cent growth and Scotiabank 3 per cent. REUTERS

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Court hears of secret signal

BANDIDOS TRIAL A biker working undercover for police was given a secret signal to use if he felt his life was in danger, a mass murder trial was told Thursday.

"I was actually supposed to kick my shoe off," the informer testified.

The comments from the informer, who can only be identified as "M.H.," came on the fourth and final day of cross-examination by defence lawyer Tony Bryant, who is representing accused killer Marcelo Aravena, 33, of Winnipeg.

Aravena is one of six men who are each charged with eight counts of first-degree murder for the execution-style slaying of eight members of the Greater Toronto Area Bandidos in April of 2006.

M.H. told court he became a police undercover agent shortly after returning from the farm of biker Wayne Kellestine, west of London, where the eight bikers were slain.

He said he never actually had to use the secret signal, which was designed to alert nearby officers to come and rescue him when he was secretly recording conversations with Winnipeg members of the Bandidos. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tax plan encounters pushback

POLITICS B.C.'s surprise announcement that it will follow Ontario and harmonize its provincial and federal sales tax is being met with growing opposition.

Finance Minister Colin Hansen said there were no plans to harmonize even three months ago during a provincial election campaign and that's why the Liberals never raised it as a platform issue in May.

NDP Finance Critic Bruce Ralston said the government flat-out denied it was bringing in harmonization during the election campaign. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Management can preserve fish stock: Study

ENVIRONMENT The world's commercial fisheries, pressured by overfishing and threatened with possible collapse by mid-century, could be rebuilt with careful management, researchers reported Thursday.

In fact, a fisheries expert who in 2006 predicted total global collapse of fish and seafood populations by 2048 is more optimistic of recovery, based on a wide-ranging two-year study by scientists in North and South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Still, 63 per cent of fish stocks worldwide need to be rebuilt, the researchers said.

"I am somewhat more hopeful that we will be in a better state ... than what we originally predicted, simply because I see that we have the management tools that are proven to work," said Boris Worm of Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is a co-author of a paper in the journal Science and also an author of the pessimistic 2006 report.

These tools include: restrictions on gear like nets so that smaller, younger fish can escape; limits on the total allowable catch; closing some areas to fishing; certifying fisheries as sustainable; offering shares of the total allowable catch to each person who fishes in a specified area.

Worm's optimism was provisional, however, because the current research only looked at about one-quarter of the world's marine ecosystems, mostly in the developed world. REUTERS

Report

- Of the 10 major ecosystems they studied, the scientists found five marine areas have cut the average percentage of fish they take, relative to estimates of the total number of fish. Two ecosystems were never exploited, leaving three areas as being exploited.

Students demand prof's return

DISMISSAL The mysterious firing this week of a Carleton University professor wanted for a 1980 bombing in France is being hailed by some as common sense but condemned by others as a blow to academic freedom.

Graduate students at the Ottawa univeristy campus are demanding officials apologize for — and overturn — the sudden dismissal Tuesday of sociology professor Hassan Diab, whom France has called the mastermind behind the bombing of a Paris synagogue that killed four people. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Australian microchipped dog finds way home — nine years later

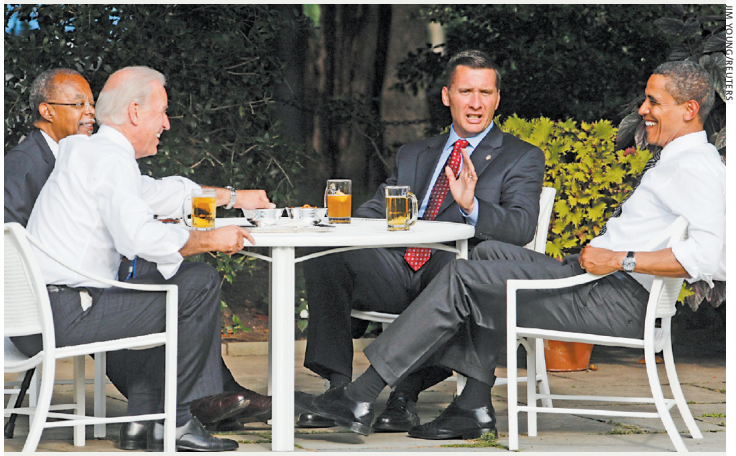
A dog rescued from a squalid backyard is to be reunited with her owners 1,000 miles away — nine years after she disappeared. The dog was found sleeping in a backyard in Melbourne after an anonymous call to the humane society. A check of the dog's microchip tracked down the original owners in Brisbane. REUTERS

World

Rare albino wallaby born in Cyprus

A rare albino wallaby, left, has been born in captivity in Cyprus, becoming the star attraction at a private zoo. The two-month old marsupial has only just emerged from its mother's pouch, standing about 40 centimetres tall and stark white among a mob of eight larger brown wallabies. The zoo has not thought of a name yet. "We have not been able to determine its sex, it's too early," said the zoo's owner. "It's probably a boy." REUTERS

Washington **Does beer make everything better?**



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U.S. President Barack Obama sits down for a beer with Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, left, Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley, right, and Vice- President Joe Biden at the White House Rose Thursday. Crowley arrested Gates while investigating a report of a burglary. Obama inflamed tensions by saying police had "acted stupidly," prompting him to back down from the remark. Obama went with Bud Light, Crowley chose Blue Moon, while Gates had Red Stripe.

Iranian police, protesters clash

Baton-wielding Iranian police fired tear gas on Thursday and arrested protesters mourning the young woman killed in post-election violence who has become a symbol for the opposition to Tehran's hardline leaders.

The renewed protests show the opposition refuses to be quelled or accept the June 12 hardline election victory despite a security crackdown, the arrest of hundreds of demonstrators and repeated calls from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The IranCrisis clashes erupted after hundreds of supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi gathered to mourn Neda Agha-Soltan, whose death on June 20 was captured on video and seen by hundreds of thousands on the Internet.

At least 300 mourners were at a ceremony for the 26-year-old music student at Tehran's Behesht-e Zahra cemetery, greeting the opposition leader with chants of "Mousavi we support you," a witness said. But police forced Mousavi to return to his car and leave. Many hundreds later tried to move toward the Grand Mosala, a large prayer venue in central Tehran. Police were out in force outside the Mosala, having rejected a request by opposition leaders to hold a memorial ceremony there. "There are thousands of people chanting slogans in favour of Mousavi. Hundreds of riot police ... are trying to disperse them," another witness said.

Protesters set garbage containers alight in nearby streets. At least three protesters were arrested and police smashed the car windows of drivers who honked their horns in support of the demonstrators, one of the witnesses said.

Rights groups say hundreds of people, including senior pro-reform politicians, journalists, activists and lawyers, have been detained since the election.

Among them is disabled reformer Saeed Hajjarian, who was transferred on Thursday to a "state-owned" house from the jail where he had been held since he was arrested on June 15, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported. REUTERS

Mourning victim

- Neda Agha-Soltan was shot as Mousavi supporters clashed with riot police and Basij militiamen in Tehran. Authorities say the incident was staged to blacken their image.

Forces capture sect leader

NIGERIA Security forces in northern Nigeria on Thursday captured the leader of a militant Islamic sect responsible for days of unrest which have killed more than 180 people and displaced thousands.

Radical preacher Mohammed Yusuf, whose Boko Haram sect wants a wider adoption of sharia (Islamic law) across Africa's most populous nation, was seized after a manhunt involving military helicopters and armed police.

Army and police earlier battled the remnants of his sect in Maiduguri after shelling his compound. Bursts of gunfire rang out and helicopters hovered overhead as the security forces went from door to door hunting his followers.

The violence erupted when members of the group were arrested on Sunday on suspicion of plotting to attack a police station.

Yusuf's supporters, armed with machetes, knives, home-made hunting rifles and petrol bombs, then went on the rampage in several states across northern Nigeria, attacking churches, police stations, prisons and government buildings.

Boko Haram — which means "Western education is sinful" — is loosely modelled on the Taliban movement in Afghanistan. Its members wear long beards and consider anyone not following their strict ideology, whether Christian or Muslim, as infidels.

Its views are not espoused by the majority of Nigeria's Muslim population, the largest in sub-Saharan Africa. REUTERS

MS sufferer wins assisted suicide case

BRITAIN A multiple sclerosis sufferer who feared her husband would be prosecuted if she went abroad to end her life won a legal bid on Thursday to force the British government to clarify the law on assisted suicide.

British law says helping someone to commit suicide is a crime that carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison. However, since 1992, about 100 British citizens have ended their lives at the Dignitas facility in Switzerland, where assisted suicide is legal, without their relatives being prosecuted.

Debbie Purdy, 46, wanted assurances her husband would not be prosecuted if he helped her go to a euthanasia facility overseas.

On Thursday, Britain's House of Lords, the highest court in the country, unanimously ruled that the failure to clarify the law infringed her human rights.

"I'm ecstatic. It's like having a life back," Purdy told reporters after the verdict.

"This decision means that I can make an informed choice with Omar about whether he travels abroad with me to end my life." REUTERS

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Debbie Purdy, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, embraces her husband, Omar Puente, following the British House of Lords historic decision to clarify the law on assisted suicide Thursday.

"This decision means I can make an informed choice with Omar about whether he travels abroad with me to end my life."
Debbie Purdy on assisted suicide

Israel investigating 100 complaints

MIDDLE EAST Israel said Thursday it was investigating 100 complaints of misconduct by its forces in a Gaza offensive this year and admitted its troops had fired white phosphorous munitions but not in violation of international law. A 163-page government statement issued in anticipation of a United Nations war crimes investigation headed for completion next month defended the 22-day as a "necessary and proportionate" response to Hamas rocket fire at Israel. Some 1,400 Palestinians, many of them civilians, and 13 Israelis were killed in the Dec. 27-Jan. 18 operation, and Israel has repeatedly rebuffed war crimes charges by several human rights groups. REUTERS

News in brief

GITMO A U.S. judge Thursday ordered that one of the youngest detainees held at Guantanamo Bay be released for what is expected to be a trip home to Afghanistan, a case that could be a model for dealing with the other 228 prisoners there. The release of Mohammed Jawad would be the first under new stricter rules set by the U.S. Congress for dealing with the detainees held at the prison at a U.S. naval base in Cuba, which President Barack Obama has pledged to close by mid-January 2010.

DEATHS Iraq's government acknowledged on Thursday that seven Iranian exiles were killed when Iraqi forces took control of their camp this week north of Baghdad. Officials earlier denied anyone died in the clashes between Iraqi forces and protesters who tried to block their entry into a camp. REUTERS

'Caveman' fugitive caught after 16 years
Portuguese police have recaptured a convict who escaped in 1993 and hid in caves in the mountains for 16 years. REUTERS

Kodinji **Seeing double in village of twins**

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Fathima Lubna, 7, and her twin sister Fathima Lubaba, right, carry their five-month-old twin sisters at their home in Kodinji, in the southern Indian state of Kerala. Kodinji, with around 2,000 families, has at least 204 pairs of twins, according to a survey.

Musharraf beats rap

Pakistan's top judge has turned down a request to launch a treason case against former military ruler Pervez Musharraf.

Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry said the Supreme Court lacks the authority.

The move could reassure both the fragile civilian government and military establishment, as they can ill-afford any fresh crisis while fighting the Taliban.

Musharraf was forced to quit as president almost a year ago. REUTERS

Sex tips shock Saudis

LOTHARIO A divorced Saudi man with four children has shocked Saudi Arabia by giving details of his sexual exploits on an Arabic television show.

Mazen Abdul-Jawad, 32, has gone into hiding after speaking on TV from his bedroom in the Saudi city of Jeddah about how couples can spice up their sex lives.

"Everything happens in this room," he said.

Then he launched into descriptions of foreplay techniques and tricks for cruising women on the streets of Jeddah.

Abdul-Jawad said sex became an important part of his life at age 14 after his first sexual encounter with a neighbour.

A blogger said he "deserves to be stoned to death, as Islamic law stipulates." REUTERS

News in brief

BODIES Israel is running out of space to bury its dead. Cemeteries across the small country have been filling up with graves. Cremation could be an option, but ritual Jewish law bans the practice. Another system being considered by officials: Stacking bodies on top of each other in crypts as was done in Biblical times. REUTERS

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Smoking ban proves fatal for restaurant owner
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Campaign gets boost

Pakistan moves troops to Afghan border

The campaign in Afghanistan may have just been given a fresh injection it badly needs — from hundreds of miles to the east in New Delhi.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, under fire from his opponents for peace moves towards Pakistan, told parliament on Wednesday he intended to press ahead with a "step-by-step" dialogue with Islamabad. And that has major implications for Afghanistan.

Pakistan has long been seen as reluctant to turn fully against the Taliban as long as it believes it might need them to counter growing Indian influence in Afghanistan. Nor will it move the bulk of its forces away from the Indian border to fight the Taliban as long as it fears retaliation in the event of any fresh Mumbai-style attacks.

The thaw in relations appears already to be offering some respite to the U.S.-led campaign against the Taliban. U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke said on Wednesday the Pakistan Army had moved "a very large number of troops" from the eastern border to the western border.

REUTERS

News in brief

MEDIA Zimbabwean authorities on Thursday issued an operating licence to a local newspaper group forced to close down by the state five years ago, a move which suggests the new unity government intends to open up the media. The government has also lifted restrictions on the British broadcaster BBC.

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Albania to break same-sex taboo

MARRIAGE Albania's government has taken its macho-minded society by surprise by announcing plans to allow same-sex marriages, the first in the Balkans.

Some gays have come out of the closet after the fall of late Stalinist dictator Enver Hoxha, under whose rule homosexual relations were punished with jail terms. Yet even today, most live secret lives to save themselves and their families the shame in a society strongly rooted in traditional family values.

Muslim and Catholic leaders condemned the proposed Albanian law as "buffoonery" and same-sex marriages as "unholy."

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Comment

These heroes are fearless, inspiring

Mona Eltahawy
Global View

Tina Turner was wrong — we do need another hero. Especially fearless women.

As a special gift for my 42nd birthday I met two such women in Kuala Lumpur, where we attended the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE), a program aimed at improving the status of Muslim women worldwide.

Seyran Ates, 46, a lawyer and women's rights advocate, was born in Istanbul and has lived in Germany since her family moved there when she was six. She ran away from home at 17 to escape patriarchal traditions and sought refuge in a shelter for battered women.

When she was 21 and living at a women's centre, young men of Turkish descent broke in, firing guns. Ates was shot in the throat and almost bled to death.

Two years ago, as she was about to enter a Berlin courtroom with a client filing for divorce, the husband assaulted the two women. That attack, as well as direct threats against her infant daughter, have persuaded Ates — a single mother who is open about the fact that she never married her daughter's father — to close her legal practice.

She continues to fight for women in other ways. She's written several books condemning political Islamic organizations for their misogyny, the right wing in Europe for its racism and hatred, and the left wing for its silence over the violations of Muslim women's rights. Her latest book is called Islam Needs A Sexual Revolution.

All I can tell you about my second new hero is she is Iranian. Anything else could jeopardize her safety.

Her life has closely mirrored Iran's ebbs and flows since its 1979 revolution. She was a teenage supporter of that revolution. As a conservative young woman who chose a headscarf she supported its Islamic aspects, which eventually pushed aside the other political strands that had united against the Shah.

But within a decade she became disillusioned with Iran's direction and embraced instead her country's feminist movement. I, too, had been a more conservative, headscarf-wearing teenager and it was comforting to trace our parallel moves away from orthodox interpretations of Islam.

They tried to kill Ates twice. They imprisoned my Iranian hero twice.

Solitary confinement was "like death," she said, and only her spirituality saved her. She is now a "backpack activist" — the regime shut down her organization's office — and creates online a space activists don't have in the "real world."

With women like Ates and my Iranian hero, we're well on our way to being wise, indeed.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues.

Views

Blessed are the tourists, for they pay the bills

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Tourists can get a lukewarm welcome here, jamming streets with their exhaust-spewing buses, crowding the Rideau Centre, Byward Market and Sparks Street and, most unforgivably, snatching precious patio space from parched locals.

The only worse thing they can do is stay home.

And so we turn our eyes homeward. Last year, 80 per cent of tourism spending in Canada came from Canadians. They come to the capital from across the country, perhaps to see what we've done with their taxes.

As usual, there are new developments on this front. Stimulus lolly is gushing from the federal coffers. But the cheques in some cases arrived mere days before the openings of these festivals, by which time, critics rightly pointed out, the stated purpose of attracting out-of-town visitors seemed unlikely to be served.

The most obvious reasons to welcome visitors are economic. They spent $1.21 billion here last year, according to the Conference Board of Canada, but there are other benefits. Some locals wonder why anyone would pick Ottawa as a tourist destination, but others started out as tourists. Today's visitor can be tomorrow's neighbour.

I have met the tourist, and he is me. Before making the traditional migration from small town Ottawa Valley to the city, I remember meeting John Diefenbaker on my Grade 3 tour of the Parliament Buildings and seeing my first rock concerts at dear old grimy Lansdowne Park. Now I'm local, partly because of those experiences.

Even the bored kids shambling zombie-like behind their parents on mandatory family outings are seeing this place with fresh eyes. They can appreciate this great city in ways we've forgotten.

And the tourists of 2009 die hard, shaking off economic malaise and daily rain to brave downtown streets rife with construction, one-way signs and mysterious name changes. Give 'em a smile and the best directions you can.

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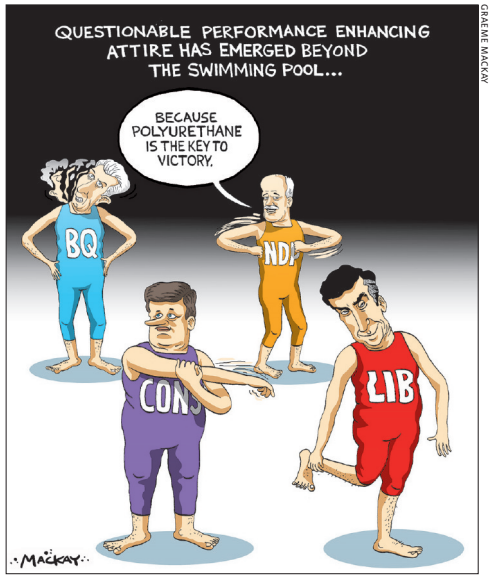

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Dollar gains against U.S. currency

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Weak Q2 ends Petro-Can's run

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Set up in the mid-1970s by then-prime minister Pierre Trudeau as a window into an industry then dominated by U.S. companies, Petro-Canada is set to be merged into Suncor Energy Inc on Saturday after a $22.5-billion takeover.

The deal closes amid weak conditions in the oil patch. Layoffs began this week, with an undisclosed number of senior executives being informed of their status in the new Suncor, which will be Canada's biggest oil company. The companies struck the deal in March as the industry struggled with falling commodity prices and the credit crunch.

In his last conference call with analysts and reporters to discuss Petro-Canada's quarterly results, chief executive Ron Brenneman did not say how many employees would lose their jobs. The firms are aiming for $300 million in annual cost savings.

"Our focus is more on working our way down through the various levels of the organization and trying to get to people as quickly as we can to provide some certainty about where their future lies," said Brenneman. REUTERS

MasterCard, Visa profit beats analysts' estimates

CREDIT MasterCard Inc, the world's second-largest credit card network, reported better-then-expected quarterly earnings Thursday as it raised fees charged to banks and cut expenses, sending its shares up 6.5 per cent.

The company's larger rival, Visa Inc , also reported better-than-expected quarterly earnings on Wednesday, helped by lower expenses.

But MasterCard Chief Financial Executive Robert Selander said the downturn in consumer spending would make it difficult for the company to meet its target of average annual revenue growth of 12 per cent to 15 per cent. REUTERS

Business in brief

FOOD Kellogg posted a higher-than-expected quarterly profit and raised its full-year earnings forecast Thursday as costs for energy and grains eased while price increases lifted revenue.

OIL Second-quarter profit at Imperial Oil tumbled 81 per cent on lower energy prices, maintenance outages and weak refining results, the company said Thursday. REUTERS

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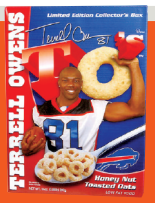
FC Nordsjaelland defender Jonathan Richter woke up from an induced coma Thursday, 10 days after he was struck by lightning during a reserve soccer game. Doctors said the reaction was "a good sign," but added it was too early to say whether the 24-year-old Dane's brain had been damaged. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



T.O. for breakfast

For Buffalo Bills fans who can't get enough of Terrell Owens, now they can have him for breakfast. Owens officially unveiled the breakfast cereal that bears his name, T.O.'s Honey Toasted Oats. The cereal is produced by Pittsburgh-based PLB Sports, which previously produced Flutie Flakes, when Doug Flutie was a Bills quarterback. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Suits stealing spotlight

Swimming has a problem. The new polyurethane suit, ubiquitous at the 13th World Championships in Rome, is leading to a bevy of records, but it doesn't fit the true spirit of competition.

Many sports have been through these choppy waters. Hockey's advances in padding and carbon fibre sticks have made the game faster, allowed harder hits and more dangerous shots. Modern tennis racquets and golf clubs have mammoth striking surfaces. But are the players in these games any more skilful?

That's why FINA, the international governing body of aquatic sport, is putting an end to the madness and declaring that as of 2010 the plastic flotation device, worn by most of the record breakers, will be going out of style.

There are few dissenters.

A sense of embarrassment pervades in Rome. World records are tumbling mostly thanks to the skin suit.

Many believe FINA allowed its use here because the manufacturer of one model is a major sponsor of the meet. The athletes, some would argue, have been forced to cram themselves into the suits in order to keep pace — uncomfortable as that may be.

One Canadian team member marvelled at the poolside odour. "It smells like a kiddies birthday party — kind of like a bunch of balloons."

Indeed, that's what the swimmers look like when they come out of the water … like a squadron of black balloons. They walk awkwardly and immediately unzip themselves so they can breathe again. They are so uneasy about wearing the suits that many accomplished stars like Libby Trickett of Australia black out the logo or use accreditation cards to cover it up during television interviews in order to protect their regular sponsors.

Most disturbing is the fact that Paul Biedermann of Germany, the man who has ended Michael Phelps' domination in the pool by winning the 200-metre freestyle, faced few questions about his spectacular victory and dozens about his chosen swim apparel.

"I'm kind of sad the talk is all about the suit," Biedermann lamented. "For me it's all about the swimming and today I am the fastest."

It all leaves the whiff of something slightly spoiled.

Swimming is supposed to be about the race. Right now it's more about the suit. That will forever leave an asterisk on these World Championships.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Swimming **Record set**

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Annamay Pierse of Vancouver reacts after setting a world record in the women's 200m breaststroke swimming semifinal at the World Championships in Rome on Thursday.

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Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz hits a three-run home run against the Oakland A's Thursday to give the Red Sox a 6-5 lead. Earlier Thursday, a New York Times report linked Ortiz and former teammate Manny Ramirez to positive drug tests in 2003.

Big Papi tested positive: Report

David Ortiz shrugged off concerns about a doping controversy on Thursday and belted a go-ahead home run that lifted the Boston Red Sox to an 8-5 win over the Oakland Athletics at Fenway Park.

Ortiz, known to the Fenway fans as Big Papi, launched a three-run homer in the seventh inning to turn a 5-3 deficit into a 6-5 lead and Boston rolled on to victory.

Ortiz was told before the game of a New York Times report that he and former Red Sox teammate Manny Ramirez were among the 104 players who tested positive in Major League Baseball's 2003 survey testing for performance-enhancing drugs.

After the victory, Ortiz issued a statement saying he was surprised his name turned up on the 2003 list that was intended to be confidential, and used to determine whether baseball would implement mandatory testing of players.

"Today I was informed by a reporter that I was on the 2003 list of MLB players to test positive for performance-enhancing substances," Ortiz said in the statement. "This happened right before our game, and the news blindsided me. I said I had no comment because I wanted to get to the bottom of this.

"I want to talk about this situation and I will as soon as I have more answers. In the meantime I want to let you know how I am approaching this situation.

"One, I have already contacted the Players Association to confirm if this report is true. I have just been told that the report is true.

"Based on the way I have lived my life, I am surprised to learn I tested positive.

"Two, I will find out what I tested positive for. And, three, based on whatever I learn, I will share this information with my club and the public.

"You know me — I will not hide and I will not make excuses," said Ortiz, who after a slow start this season is batting .228 with 14 homers and 58 RBIs. REUTERS

> **"Based on the way I have lived my life, I am surprised to learn I tested positive."**
> David Ortiz

Sports in brief

KHL Russia's Kontinental Hockey League completed a contract with Detroit Red Wings forward Jiri Hudler on Thursday. The KHL registered Hudler's $10-million US, two-year contract in Moscow.

SOCCER Bayern Munich turned down a bid of $121.9 million from Real Madrid for its winger Franck Ribery, according to a French newspaper. Ribery said earlier this month he'd like to play in Madrid.

BASEBALL Former Toronto Blue Jay Reed Johnson, who's been platooning in centre field for the Chicago Cubs, could be out for at a month after fracturing his left foot Wednesday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Nolan's a story of perseverance

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

Ted Nolan's first pair of hockey skates were size six, but his feet were size three.

This was just one challenge the former NHL player and coach faced during his upbringing on the Garden River Ojibwa First Nations Reserve, just outside of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

"I still get shivers in my spine when I speak to kids at schools about going to school when you're hungry, coming home and there's not too much food in the fridge, not having electricity, bathing in a tub in the wintertime and going to outdoor toilets until you're 17 years old. It was very tough."

But he wouldn't change anything about it, he says. Nolan remembers the good times of traditional powwow dancing and drumming, as well as hunting and fishing.

He is currently the vice-president of hockey operations for the AHL's Rochester Americans.

Despite having only played house league growing up, Nolan went on to play junior hockey for the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

It was the first time he encountered racism.

Ted Nolan

"I still remember crying myself to sleep night after night for the first two months I was there, wondering why people would treat people from a different race that hateful. What did we do so wrong?"

But he didn't quit. Never giving up is a message Nolan has always preached.

"Believe in yourself and work. Don't just believe, you also have to work and persevere. If it doesn't work one way, then find another way. I always believed will beats out skill."

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Beside motivational speaking, Nolan also gives back through his foundation. He started the Ted Nolan Foundation as a way of paying tribute to his mother. She was killed by a drunk driver in 1981.

"It took me almost 10 years to even discuss it," he says.

The foundation became a registered charity in 2004, but started as a golf tournament in the late '90s. The foundation provides scholarships for First Nations women to pursue post-secondary education.

Lowery sizzles, Woods fizzles at Buick Open

GOLF American Steve Lowery turned a sizzling last nine into a one-shot first-round lead at the Buick Open on Thursday, while Tiger Woods stumbled on one of his favourite layouts.

Taking advantage of an early start and ideal conditions at sun-kissed Warwick Hills, Lowery birdied seven of his last nine holes on way to nine-under 63 while Woods struggled with his putting to sit eight shots off the pace after a one-under 71.

Playing the back nine first, Lowery got his day off to a stuttering birdie-bogey start, but was nearly perfect after the turn, reeling off four straight birdies from the first.

The 48-year-old let his foot off the gas with pars at five and six, but closed with three more birdies to tie the course nine-hole record of seven-under 29 and grab a one shot lead over Australian John Senden.

South Korea's Y.E. Yang, Australia's James Nitties and Americans Vaughn Taylor and Brian Vranesh all lurk one shot further back returning seven-under 65s.

"It hasn't been a great year for me, but hopefully I can turn it around," Lowery, who is without a top 20 finish this season, told reporters. "The last nine holes I made all my putts, some were tap-ins and some were pretty good.

"Nine-under is a good start but ... you got to get it going for the rest of the three days."

Playing for the first time since the British Open where he missed the cut in a major championship for only the second time as a professional, Woods could not find his rhythm on a course he rates among his favourites.

"It was probably one of the worst putting days I've ever had," lamented Woods, who finished the round tied for 95th.

REUTERS

Canadian scores

- Matt Hill of Bright's Grove, Ont., is 44th after shooting a 3-under 69.
- Chris Baryla of Vernon, B.C., is tied for 95th at 1-under with a first-round 71.

Sports in brief

BASEBALL The Los Angeles Dodgers beefed up their bullpen on Thursday by trading a pair of prospects for Baltimore Orioles closer George Sherrill. The Dodgers (62-39), who hold a seven-game lead over the San Francisco Giants in the NL West, sent minor league third baseman Josh Bell and pitcher Steve Johnson to Baltimore, Major League Baseball website mlb.com said, citing baseball sources.

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors acquired Italian guard Marco Belinelli from the Golden State Warriors in exchange for forward Devean George, the NBA team said on Thursday. Taken with the 18th overall pick in the 2007 NBA draft by Golden State, Belinelli averaged 8.9 points, 2.1 assists, 1.7 rebounds in 42 games last season for the Warriors.

OLYMPICS Organizers of next year's Winter Olympics in Vancouver, facing a potential budget crunch, said on Thursday they want employers to lend them up to 1,500 short-term workers for the Games. Similar worker-loan programs have been used in past Olympics, but organizers of the 2010 Games acknowledged their plan was bigger and said it reflected "the realities of the economic downturn."

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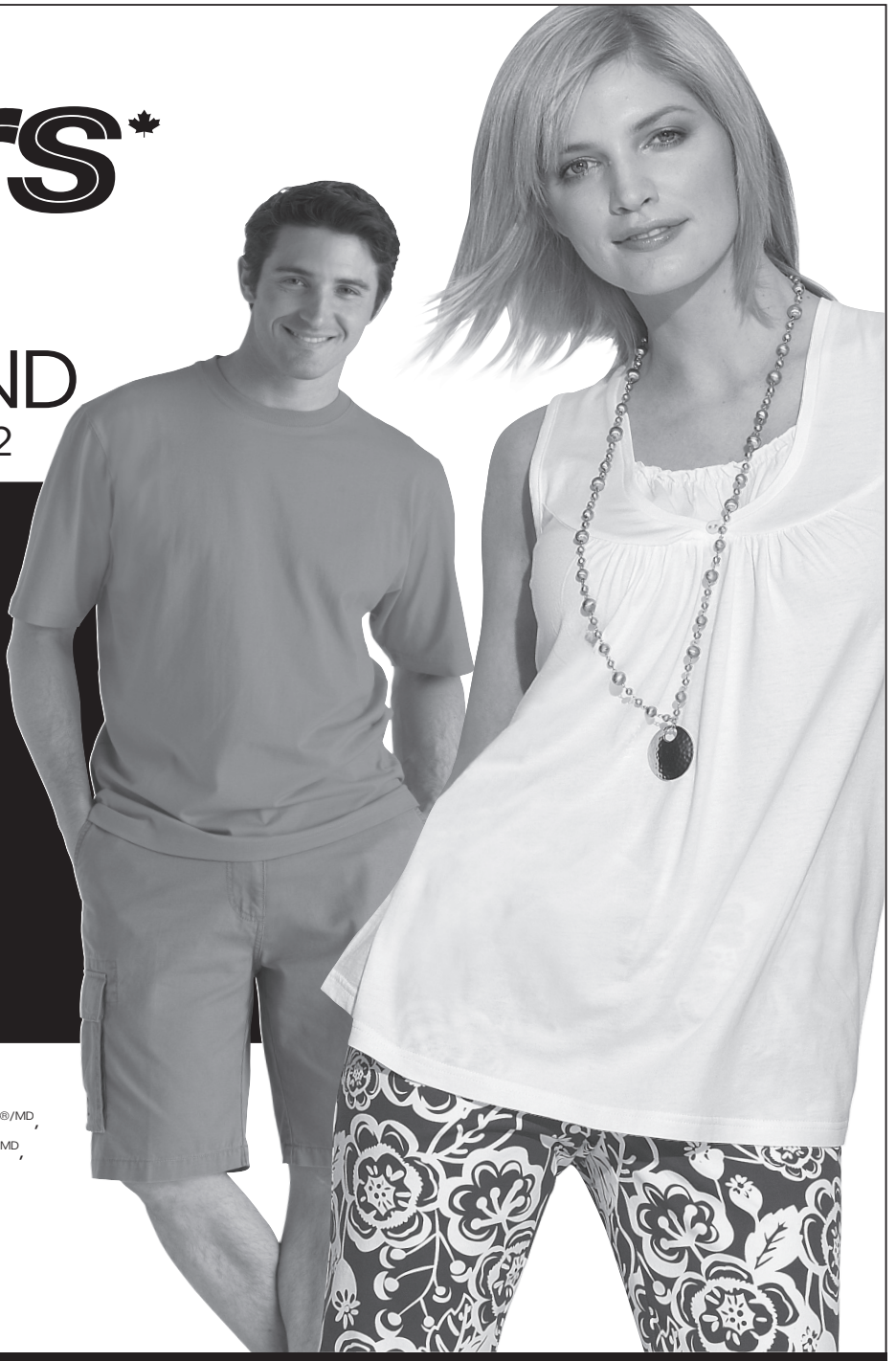

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Wise guys

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Movies

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It's funny, and art too

Seth Rogen. left, and Adam Sandler play disciple and master in Judd Apatow's Funny People.

Funny **People**

Director: Judd Apatow
Stars: Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Funny People's deceptively simple title speaks volumes about its content. On one hand, writer/director Judd Apatow's film is indeed filled with humorous humans of every persuasion. But underneath its lighthearted, laugh out loud exterior lurks a far darker, more complex treatise on how amusingly out of touch and lost we as a culture really are.

Apatow regular Seth Rogen plays a likeable shlub named Ira, a struggling stand up comedian in L.A. who, while waiting his turn on stage at a local club, encounters slumming Hollywood comedy legend George Simmons (equally revered funnyman Adam Sandler, who gives a career best performance here).

Haunted and seemingly burned out, George takes a shine to Ira and invites him to work for him, writing jokes for his act and managing his day to day affairs.

Except, as it turns out, George is suffering from a rare blood disorder and hasn't much time left to live.

As Ira becomes his idol's disciple — and, eventually, friend — a twist of fate steers their "bromantic" bond in an unexpected direction, leading to an almost surreal final hour that introduces George's sexy ex-lover Laura (Leslie Mann) and her macho Aussie hubby Clarke (Eric Bana).

To divulge any more about Funny People's strange, meandering narrative would spoil the picture's many pleasures, chief among them that the audience has absolutely no idea where it's going at any given time.

This is Apatow's masterpiece: A hilarious, poignant observational film that's closer to vintage Woody Allen than anything that's ever bore his crowd pleasing brand before. Clocking in at almost 2½ hours, the extra running time gives the filmmaker free rein to fully flesh out his eccentric characters, ensuring that even the smallest roles (like Aubrey Plaza's sardonic nerd girl/love interest) serve to enrich the story.

Filled with the expected raunchy dialogue, nudity and penis jokes — but laced with a bitter cynicism — Funny People isn't just another sensitive guy romp, it's the modern comedy as an artform … and one of the best movies of the year so far.

On the web

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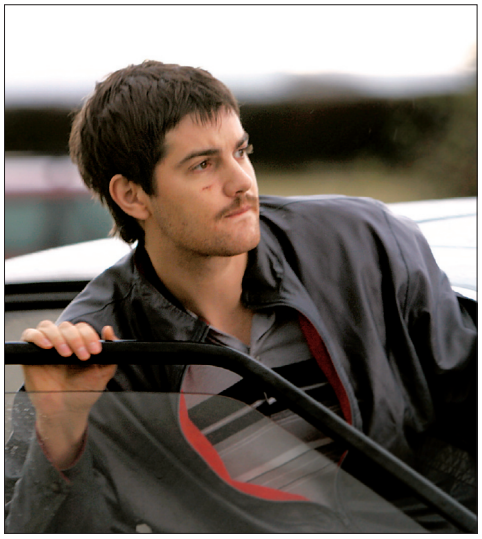

Jim Sturgess stars in Fifty Dead Men Walking.

Dead Men Walking intense experience

Fifty Dead **Men Walking**

Director: Kari Skogland
Stars: Jim Sturgess, Ben Kingsley
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW By her own admission, writer/director Kari Skogland took several liberties with Fifty Dead Men Walking, her filmed adaptation of political informant Martin McGartland's autobiography.

But, really, that's OK. Movies are meant to be an impression of reality, and by the time Skogland's white knuckle picture fades to black, we feel like we've sprinted a mile in McGartland's blood-stained shoes just the same.

The film begins in the wilds of northern Canada, with a grizzled, bearded McGartland (21's Jim Sturgess) fending off a brutal attack by a masked gunman that leaves him bullet riddled and gasping for life. As the camera settles on his wide eyes, we are thrust 11 years into the past with a younger, freewheeling McGartland running around Belfast as the tensions related to "the troubles" escalate around him.

Soon, McGartland finds himself embroiled in the machinations of the IRA and assumes the role of informer for British Intelligence (exemplified by Sir Ben Kingsley as McGartland's smooth U.K. contact). As McGartland gets deeper into his double life, tensions mount and it's only a matter of time before his violent, IRA associates discover the truth of his deception.

Some critics have complained that the film is far too "entertaining" to suit the grim subject matter, and that politics take a back seat to the director's glossy cinematic conceits. Make no mistake; Fifty Dead Men Walking is a rollicking, full throttle entertainment, as vital a thriller as it is as a gut-wrenching melodrama.

But its accessibility never once betrays the bitter reality of its brutal backdrop. We never once feel removed from the IRA/Unionist conflicts and their devastating effect on the Northern Irish populace.

What Skogland has wisely chosen to do, however, is focus her narrative squarely on McGartland's stranger-than-fiction story and, in turn, on Sturgess' breathtaking performance. There's a level of ferocity on display here that none of the young actor's previous roles even hint at. This is Oscar calibre stuff all the way.

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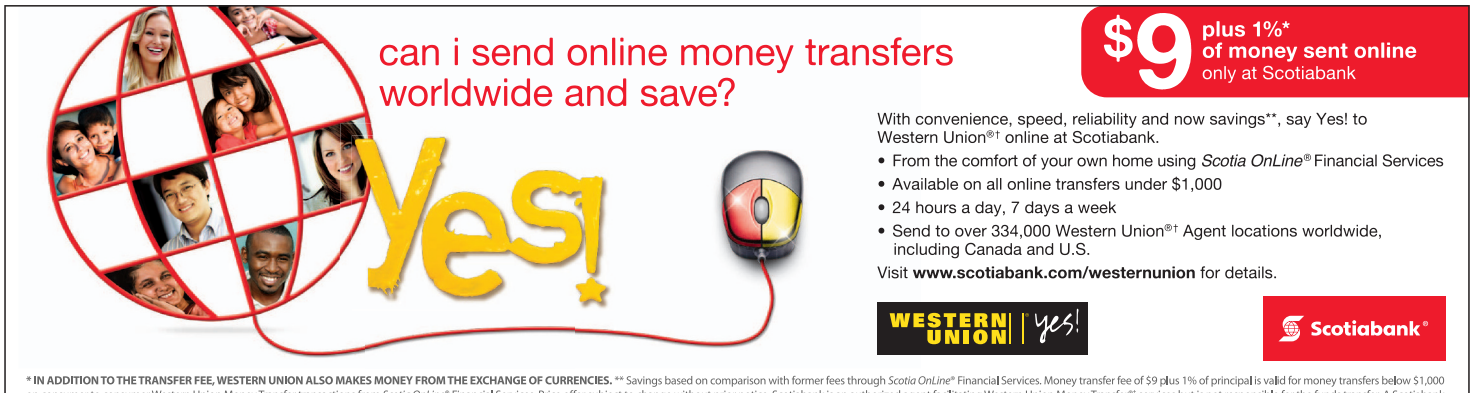

Star power to the max at Venice fest
Organizers of the Venice film festival in the Italian city of canals announced a roster of films and film stars aimed at drawing maximum buzz, with possible appearances including Ewan McGregor, Kevin Spacey, Viggo Mortensen and Charlize Theron. PEOPLE.COM

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Joshua Leonard and Mark Duplass star in Humpday.

Humpday hits mark

Humpday
Director: Lynn Shelton
Stars: Mark Duplass, Joshua Leonard
Classification: STC
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Have you ever made a pact with someone you instantly regretted? Did you ever feel innately obligated to carry through on that contract at whatever cost? If so, you probably still have nothing on the characters in Humpday.

When a bearded bohemian (Joshua Leonard) suddenly pops back into the settled life of his now-married college pal (Mark Duplass), the pair find themselves at an impromptu party where the topic turns to Humpfest, an amateur porn festival (which actually exists!).

Inebriated and not thinking clearly, the duo agrees to participate in the ultimate art film — two straight dudes having sex. It's not gay, we're told, it's "beyond gay."

In a traditional comedy, this is where the movie would begin to overstate the protagonists' heterosexuality to coerce all sorts of situational gags, Three's Company-style. However, filmmaker Lynn Shelton is luckily more concerned with exploring the inner battles of insecurity, identity and the insanity of the male ego.

As the film builds toward the uncertainty of the climax, Shelton expertly captures both characters' struggle with self-conceptions and their own male stubbornness.

Heavily improvised, the performances are convincing, powerful and provide this comedy the gravitas and subtle charm it needs to hurdle over its own high-concept. Simply put, Humpday successfully takes the male-comedy to places that films like I Love You, Man dare not go.

Many flavours of Julia Child

Chef's editor praises Streep for role

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Judith Jones says Meryl Streep "got" Julia Child in the new film Julie & Julia.

Jones ought to know. She first met Child — the future giant of American cooking — in 1961 when she became her cookbook editor. It was a friendship that spanned five decades until Child's death in 2004.

"Meryl was terrific. I think it's uncanny, she does become Julia," Jones says about the actress. "She has studied facial expressions and it's hard to pinpoint them all, but it's true Julia.

"Julia was big and awkward and in those days, it was a liability for a woman to be that tall. And she scuffled a bit with her feet. Meryl Streep gets all of that. It has something to do with what she was. She wasn't going to let it handicap her; she turned it into an asset. She had such a presence."

Jones — who discovered The Diary of Anne Frank — took a chance on Child's landmark cookbook, Mastering the Art of French Cooking, which at the time was gathering dust at the publishing house she worked for.

Jones, who is now 85, championed it against the prevailing wisdom of the day; that women wouldn't cook elaborate food in their homes. The book was a smash hit.

Julie & Julia opens in theatres next week

Jones became Child's personal editor, cheerleader and kitchen aide, helping her perfect recipes in her home kitchen in Cambridge, Mass.

"I was the perfect person for her book," Jones smiles. "I was looking for such a book and it seemed like a godsend. No one wrote that way about cooking, to truly explain ingredients, techniques and all of that.

"You can't just cook in the French way particularly because there are techniques and rules. As Julia would say it was 'codified.' I needed that to be a really 'subtle, soignée cook,' as she would say. She was always so disdainful of what she called 'the flimsies.' ... There are people who simply don't have the genes to cook. You can expose them to food all you want, they're the 'flimsies.' Get out of the kitchen!"

Meryl Streep stars as legendary cook Julia Child in Julie & Julia.

Duo brighten up Days of Summer

(500) Days of Summer
Director: Marc Webb
Stars: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Zooey Deschanel
Classification: STC
Rating:

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW It seems preposterous that the only thing a relationship movie has to do to seem original and inventive is tell the story from the guy's perspective, but that's Hollywood.

The audience gets the guy's perspective and more in (500) Days of Summer, thanks to a non-linear storytelling structure that recounts a love affair far more effectively than a chronological retelling ever could.

The only real cringe factor is the pun of the title, but that's forgivable.

First-time director Marc Webb pulls out as many stops as he can think of, tossing in homages to classic films, a precocious youngster dispensing relationship advice, animation and one inspired musical sequence sure to make Hall and Oates popular with a whole new generation of fans. But what's most impressive is that with all vintage sneakers and ironic detachment set to a Smiths-heavy soundtrack, the movie doesn't fall off into a twee abyss.

For that, primary credit goes to the lead actors. As the titular Summer, Zooey Deschanel does great work playing the idealized indie girlfriend — "quirky" seems too dismissive.

But the real star here is Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who has been quietly building an impressive dramatic resume in films like Brick and Mysterious Skin since leaving his teenage sitcom days behind.

Here, he comes into his own as a full-fledged leading man, making even self-indulgent moping seem compelling.

As Tom, a would-be architect working as a greeting card writer, he has the wry, everyman charm and sad eyes of a young John Cusack, but with a sense of urgency and determination that keeps things electrified.

We're with him every out-of-order step of the way.

"The battle of the sexes is fought by two tough foes in this sassy, sexy screwball comedy! It's wicked fun."
Matt Sullivan, IN TOUCH WEEKLY

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Man arrested on Miley film set

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Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

These extraterrestrials are so G

This is turning into a banner year for family friendly aliens. Recently, Reese Witherspoon and a team of misfit monsters successfully saved our planet from a gang of G-rated extraterrestrials in Monsters vs Aliens and in Race to Witch Mountain a cab driver learned that not all space invaders are "little green people with antennas."

Later this year the cute and cuddly animated aliens of Planet 51 will be invaded by an astronaut from Earth and in this weekend's Aliens in the Attic a group of kids protects their vacation home from creatures from outer space.

E.T.s in kids' entertainment are nothing new. The futuristic animated utopia of the Jetsons, featuring aliens galore, originally ran on Saturday morning television in the early '60s, but has since been spun off into comics, games, a short-lived 1980s TV series, television movies and a 1990 feature film imaginatively called Jetsons: The Movie.

Around the same time The Jetsons were on the small screen, a movie The Monster Times called "the worst science fiction flick ever, bar none" was entering theatres. Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, released in 1964, is a no-budget wonder which ping-pongs from so-bad-it's-good right back to bad again. Cinematically it may be the biggest Christmas turkey ever, but its crazy story, about Martians kidnapping Santa so their little green kids can get some presents just like human children, is a guilty pleasure.

Aliens in The Attic is the latest entry in a series of family-friendly alien flicks this year.

The '70s and '80s were a particularly fertile time for kiddie "take me to your leader" movies. Of course there were the original three Star Wars movies, E.T. (and the shameless E.T. rip-off Mac and Me) but looking past Lucas and Spielberg reveals other, not as well-known alien movies for the rugrats.

Invaders from Mars, from Texas Chain Saw Massacre director Tobe Hooper, sees a teenage hero (actress Karen Black's real life son Hunter Carson) enlist the help of a school nurse (played by his mother) and the Marines to prevent aliens from assuming human form and taking over his hometown.

Finally, also worth a look is Explorers, a 1985 kid's flick starring Ethan Hawke and River Phoenix as BFFs whose dream of intergalactic travel comes true when they build a homemade spaceship, complete with a Tilt-a-Whirl cockpit. It was the feature film debut for both Hawke and Phoenix and while it isn't groundbreaking sci-fi, it's a fun film for the whole family.

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Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

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Screen Times

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Being John Malkovich (14A) Tue 9:20 Wed 4:30
Les doigts croches (STC) Fri 7:05 Sat 9:20 Sun 4:20-9:10 Mon 1:45-6:35 Tue 4:30 Wed-Thu 6:55
Fifty Dead Men Walking (STC) Fri 9:25 Sat 2:15-6:50 Sun 6:40 Mon 4:05 Tue 6:50 Wed 9:15 Thu 4:25-9:15
Lemon Tree (Arabic, Hebrew and English w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4:45
Sin Nombre (14A) Sat 4:45 Sun 2:15 Mon 8:55

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

No films showing

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Creature Features Volume 2: Armory, Ears, Feathers & Scales, Fur & Skin, Headgear (STC) Fri-Thu 9:30-10:30 Fri-Thu 10-11
Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Fri-Tue 11:30-1:30-3:30 Wed-Thu 6 Fri-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30 Wed-Thu 7

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:35-9:45
Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9
Funny People (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:10-10:25
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:20-9:40
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Thu 12:01 (midnight)
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:40-7:50-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30 No Passes Wed 12-1-3:30-4:30-8-10:30 No Passes Thu 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:10-7:40-9:55
Love Aaj Kal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50 Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:6:50-10:05
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:30-10 Thu 4:20-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor
World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20
The Brothers Bloom (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:40
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 1-4:30-8
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:35
Moon (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:25

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403,

Act of God (STC) Fri 9
Bananas (STC) Sat 5 Mon 7:15
The Blonde Fury (STC) Fri 11
Empty Nest (PG) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 7
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) (STC) Sun 5 Mon 9
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Sat 11:30
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Sat 7 Sun 9 Tue 7
The Wiz (STC) Sun 11:30 Thu 9:10
Year One (14A) Tue 9:30 Thu 7

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Thu 5:10-8
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri-Sat 10:10-12:20-2:35 Sun-Mon 12:20-2:35 Tue 10:10-12:20-2:35 Wed 12:20-2:35 Thu 10:10-12:20-2:35 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 10:10 Open Captioned Wed 10:10
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-12:40-2:45
My Life in Ruins (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:55-7:20
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:10-2:25-4:45-7-9:15
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-1-3:50-6:30-9:05
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 10:30-5-9:30
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Fri-Thu 4:55-7:10-9:25

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

G-Force (STC) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 12:05-2:45-4:55-7-9:10 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2:45-4:55-7-9:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Mon 11:50-3-6:15-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Tue-Thu 3-6:15-9:30
Orphan (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Mon 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Tue-Thu 3:15-6:45-9:45

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:10-12:30-3:30-6:25-9:10
Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:50-4:10-7:25-9:30
Funny People (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:05-2:35-6:30-9:45
G-Force (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:20-1:15-3:45-7-9:15
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 11:10-1:40-4:40-7:30-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 10:15-11:25-1:30-3:4:45-6:20-8:10-9:40 No Passes Wed 10:15-11:25-1:30-3-4:45-8:10-9:40 No Passes Thu 10:15-11:25-1:30-3-4:45-6:20-8:10-9:40
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25-12:45-3:15-6:40-9:05
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:35-4:20-7:15-10:05
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:20-4:25-7:05-9:55
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-2:30-6:15-9:35
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:05-3:35-6:45-9:20

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Merveilles des Mers (STC) Fri 1-7 Sat 1-6 Sun 10-1 Mon 1-6 Tue 1 Wed 1-9 Thu 1
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Fri-Sat 10-4 Sun 4 Mon-Tue 4-7 Wed 10-4 Thu 4
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs (STC) Fri 11-3-6 Sat 12-3-7 Sun 12-3-6 Mon 10-12-3-8 Tue 10-12-3-6-9 Wed 11-3-6-8 Thu 10-12-3-6
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (G) Sat 8 Sun 7 Thu 8
Under the Sea (STC) Fri 12-2-5 Sat-Sun 11-2-5 Mon 11-2-5-9 Tue 11-2-5-7 Wed 12-2-5-7 Thu 11-2-5-7
Une nuit au musée: la bataille du Smithsonian (G) Fri 8

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3-6:40-9
De père en flic (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3:20-7-9:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
OSS 117: Rio ne répond plus (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Anges et démons (G) Fri-Thu 9:25
Ennemis publics (13+) Fri-Thu 1:35-7-9:20
J'ai tué ma mère (G) Fri-Thu 3:50-5:40
Là-Haut (G) Fri-Thu 12:1:45-3:30-5:15
Ma vie pour la tienne (G) Fri-Thu 3:55-7:30-9:20
Millénium le film (13+) Fri-Thu 5:15
Monstres contre Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 12-5:50
Une nuit au musée: la bataille du Smithsonian (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:45-3:30-7:50-9:35
À vos marques... Party! 2 (G) Fri-Thu 12-3-7:30

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

De père en flic (G) Fri-Tue
The Hangover (13+) Fri-Tue
Hanté par ses ex (G) Fri-Tue
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (G) Fri-Tue

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

De père en flic (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-1:25-3:05-4:05-6:30-7:15-9:05-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:30-1:25-3:05-4:05-7:15-9:05-9:45
Les doigts croches (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:35-7:20-9:50
Drôle de monde (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:40-9:40
Harry Potter et le Prince de sang-mêlé (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:15-9:30
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:20
Opération G-Force (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:30-7:05-9:10
OSS 117: Rio ne répond plus (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-6
Transformers: La revanche (G) Fri-Thu 2:40-8:15
La vérité toute crue (13+) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:20-7-9:15

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090,

Aliens in the Attic (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-5:40-7:45-9:50
De père en flic (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-12:55-3:40-4:10-7-7:30-9:25-10:15
Des extraterrestres dans le grenier (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3-5:05-7:15-9:20
Les doigts croches (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:20-9:40
Funny People (13+) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:50-9:55
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:10-5:20-7:25-9:30
The Hangover (13+) Fri-Thu 7:35-9:45
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (G) Fri-Thu 12-1-3:20-4:20-6:40-7:40-8:30-10
Harry Potter et le Prince de sang-mêlé (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:25-6:45-10:05
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:15
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50
Opération G-Force 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-5:7:05-9:10
Orphan (13+) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:55-9:35
OSS 117: Rio ne répond plus (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:55-9:15
The Ugly Truth (13+) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:05-5:30-7:40-10:20

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Funny People (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7:10:20
G-Force (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:10-9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:30
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:30
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:10-7:30-9:50 Thu 4:10-7:30-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4:15-7:35-10 Wed 4:15-7:35-10 Thu 1-4:15-7:35-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
Brüno (18A) Fri-Wed 1:35-3:50-6:55-10:05 Thu 1:35-3:50-6:55-9:45
Funny People (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-3:35-7:05-10:25
G-Force (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:25-3:40-6:40-8:45
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Thu 12:01 (midnight)
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:45-9:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-5-9
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3-6:20-8:50
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:25-9:20
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-6:50-9:35
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:35-9:40
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri-Wed 12:35-4-7:10-10:20 Thu 12:35-4-10:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-7:25-10:15
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15

ORLEANS

ORLEANS TOWN CENTRE 6 CINEMAS
250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:10
G-Force (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-2:30-4:30-7-9:10 Sun-Thu 12:30-2:30-4:30-7-9:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01 (midnight)
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:50-10
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:40-9:40
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-7:20-9:30

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Aliens in the Attic (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Mon 11:45-2:05-4:35-7-9:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:05-4:35-7-9:30
Angels & Demons (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Wed 1:15-7:15 SDDS Digital Thu 1:15
Brüno (18A) SDDS Digital Fri-Wed 12:35-2:50-5:05-7:25-9:45 SDDS Digital Thu 12:35-2:50
Fifty Dead Men Walking (STC) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Mon 11:05-2-4:55-7:45-10:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-4:55-7:45-10:30
Funny People (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:35-12:35-1:35-3-4:45-7:7:30-8:15-10:10-10:40 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon 11:35-12:35-1:35-3-4:45-6:45-7:15-8:15-10-10:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Tue-Thu 12:35-1:35-2:45-4:45-6:45-7:15-8:15-10-10:30
G-Force (STC) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:30-1:45-2:15-3-4:15-4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:15 SDDS Digital Mon 11:15-11:45-12:30-1:45-2:15-3-4:15-4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:15 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 12:30-1:45-2:15-3-4:15-4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:15
The Hangover (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:20-9:50 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:20-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:2:30-6:15-9:45 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 1-3:15-4:45-6:45-8:15-10:05 SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:30-1-3:15-4:45-6:45-8:15-10:05 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:45
The Hurt Locker (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:10-1:35-4-6:30-9:05 SDDS Digital Tue-Wed 1:35-4-6:30-9:05 SDDS Digital Thu 1:35-4
My Sister's Keeper (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Wed 4:25-10:20 SDDS Digital Thu 4:25
Orphan (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:20-11:50-2:10-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:35-8:05-10:25 SDDS Digital Mon 11:20-11:50-2:10-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:35-8:05-10:25 SDDS Digital Tue-Wed 2:10-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:35-8:05-10:25 SDDS Digital Thu 2:10-2:40-4:50-7:35-10:25
The Proposal (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:40-2:20-4:55-7:40-10:10 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:40-10:10
Public Enemies (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Wed 1:05-4:05-7:10-10:15 SDDS Digital Thu 1:05-4:05
Star Trek (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 9:40
Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Wed 10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:20-2:55-6:35-9:55 SDDS Digital Tue-Wed 2:55-6:35-9:55 SDDS Digital Thu 2:55
The Ugly Truth (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30 SDDS Digital Mon 11:25-2-4:30-7:05-9:30 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2-4:30-7:05-9:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:30-7:05-9:30 SDDS Digital Mon 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30
Up (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Mon 11:05-1:40-4:30-7:10 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:10

Billboard's top pop albums

1. Leave This Town, Daughtry; 2. BLACKsummers'night, Maxwell; 3. Hannah Montana 3 Soundtrack; 4. NOW 31, Various Artists; 5. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

The hazards of love

The Decemberists take an unusual musical departure

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Unexpected musical pairings don't always fly when they're first realized.

There are those, of course, that just never take off, and for good reason — like Scarlett Johansson and Tom Waits covers, or the embarrassing mid-'80s Bowie/Jagger collaboration. But others, like Wilco and eclectic experimentation on Yankee Hotel Foxtrot, and Alison Krauss-brand bluegrass with the Zeppelin rock vox of Robert Plant, however doubted, end aptly up in the musical stratosphere.

The Decemberists' latest album The Hazards of Love takes up company with the latter. In an unanticipated departure, the Portland, Ore., band divorces its spirited folk rock repertoire for a musically amalgamated concept album, initially intended as a stage musical.

The album recalls the tale of a lady called Margaret and her mystical, often sexual forest exploits. After falling in love with forest-dweller William, she comes under scrutiny by his mother, the Queen of the forest, who fails to cease Margaret's abduction by a dangerous villain, The Rake. William searches for and reunites with Margaret, and they reignite their love before dying, together.

Colin Meloy, singer and songwriter for the band, understands the risk of taking such a conceptual diversion, but says the album's just not intended for everybody. "I can totally understand why this record would not be to someone's taste. I knew from the very beginning this was going to be a pretty polarizing record and that some people would hate it and some people will love it."

WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

The Decemberists' Hazards of Love was a concept album, initially intended as a stage musical.

Hazards has polarized the critics, that have produced largely mixed reviews of the album. But Meloy maintains his band is just a quick and easy target because of the early praise it's garnered. And estranging critics or The Decemberists' fans is fine by Meloy. "If we do alienate people, they would be the sort of people that would be restricting our creativity to begin with."

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It's all part of the solid precedent he says the band has set for itself. "People are welcome to come along," he says, "But we're going to be doing what we want and not kowtowing to accessibility or tastes."

Non-conformity is as present in Hazards' format as its sound. Added to the folk music the band is noted for, there are sure signs of metal, progressive rock and hard rock on the album, a testament to Meloy's dissent against the tension between folk and metal.

"I think they're more akin than some people give them credit for, especially when you're dealing with classic metal from the '70s and the British folk revival," he says. "At that time, metal and folk music were these sort of weird bastard cousins, walking around hand in hand."

Similarly smitten should be an artist's work to their influences, says Meloy, no matter the expected reception. "Anybody writing songs and making music should be making music that is, in some way, the sum total of their record collection," he says. "By and large, I feel like I'm making the music that I want to make and that I should make. I hope we can continue doing that."

Nutini blends folk, reggae in latest album Sunny Side Up

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Being a young musician has its challenges. One thing 22-year-old Paolo Nutini is trying to come to grips with is how irrelevant some of his first album, which he wrote when he was a teenager, seems today.

"I was singing songs I'd never sing about in that way now," says the Scottish-born musician, whose debut, Three Streets, was a huge hit in 2006. "There are instances where I won't play a song, because I don't really feel it anymore."

> **"If you're happy and comfortable then write about it. Obviously there are things going on in the world, but I figured I better make songs that I'm going to like playing."** Paolo Nutini

These days the husky-voiced troubadour is feeling the reggae vibes. His sophomore disc, Sunny Side Up, kicks off with a heavy dose of 2 Tone-style reggae (unofficial Specials trombonist Rico Rodriguez plays on the song), and there are upstroke sounds elsewhere on the record.

"Jamaican music is my favourite," says the guitarist. "It's not like I wanted to make a reggae record, it's just how the song came out."

Nutini is not the next Bob Marley, though. Most of his record dabbles in folk, laidback Jack Johnson-like melodies and some light Simon and Garfunkel-ish sounds. While the music is definitely eclectic, the one thing most of the tunes have in common is that they're upbeat and happy, as the album's moniker suggests.

"I'm pretty happy," says Nutini. "If you're happy and comfortable then write about it. Obviously there are things going on in the world, but I figured I better make songs that I'm going to like playing."

It's a good thing that the songwriter is in a good, emotional place, because many young stars his age have trouble dealing with fame. Nutini, however, hasn't fallen into the trap of rock 'n' roll excess like so many of his peers.

"That stuff is always there — everyone says to go out with the band and get drunk every night, but that's so cliché. And I want to avoid being a cliché," he says. "I'm not made to consume so much alcohol. I don't really get the challenge."

With Sunny Side Up topping the charts in the U.K. and Ireland, it may get increasingly more difficult for Nutini not to get caught up in the fast life, but it helps that the pressure of being a young star isn't getting to him too much.

"I don't really think about age," he says. "The pressure is that you're just another guy in the queue. But I'm lucky to be in the queue in the first place."

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Music

Musical reading options

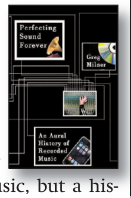
SoundCheck

For most people across the country, this has been a dreary summer. Where I live, we've had exactly one day where the temperature has reached 30 C. New York had its coldest June since 1958. And a recent web posting from an AccuWeather meteorologist (http://bit.ly/pmkYy) cites more than 3,000 low-temperature records across North America in July.

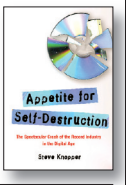
This all explains why I'm off to Cuba tomorrow in search of some sun. I also need a week to catch up on my reading in preparation for the fall season of my radio show, The Ongoing History of New Music.

If you have some vacation time coming and you're looking for a few books on music, here are a few suggestions:

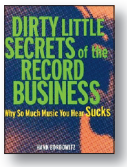
Perfecting Sound Forever: An Aural History of Recorded Music by Greg Milner (Faber and Faber): Not so much a history of recorded music, but a history of how we've tried to capture music perfectly. It's filled with anecdotes and fun history. I learned a lot. My favourite music book of the year so far.



Appetite for Self-Destruction: The Spectacular Crash of the Record Industry in the Digital Age by Steve Knopper (Faber and Faber): A breezy look at how the record industry was blindsided by Napster and everything that came after. Some excellent insight into various mistakes. miscalculations and "what if" scenarios.



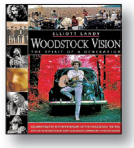
Dirty Little Secrets of the Record Business: Why So Much Music You Hear Sucks by Hank Bordowitz (Chicago Review Press) An unabashedly biased look at the state of the American music industry. Bombastic in places and idealistic to the point of naïveté in others, but an interesting insider's peek into the business.



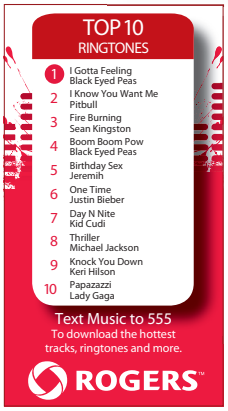
Ripped: How the Wired Generation Revolutionized Music by Greg Kot (Scribner): Just like the title says: How the music consumer went from paying $17.99 for a CD to paying nothing at all in just ten years.

Unleashed: The Story of Tool by Joel McIver (Omnibus Press) With Tool, it's always been very difficult to separate the fact from the fiction and the truth from the mythology. McIver does his best with the first-ever biography of one of rock's most enigmatic bands.

Woodstock Vision: The Spirit of a Generation by Elliott Landy (Backbeat Books): With the 40th anniversary of the original Woodstock coming up in three weeks, this newly reissued coffee table book is a nice looking piece of nostalgia.



The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com



VMAs turning Pink this year

Pink is the latest star confirmed to perform at MTV's Video Music Awards, taking place Sept. 13 at locations around New York City, including Radio City Music Hall. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Mixing kissing with spaceships

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Melrose Space. Grey's Astronomy. Lost ... In Space. For a TV show that has yet to air, Defying Gravity has a lot of nicknames. So what's it really about?

"It plays like a soap opera at times and like an action film at times and then its sci-fi," explains Defying Gravity star Ron Livingston (Sex In The City, Office Space). "It wasn't all kissing and it wasn't all spaceships. There's kissing and spaceships."

More simply put, Defying Gravity was created by James Parriott (Grey's Anatomy) and concerns the future adventures of eight astronauts on a six-year mission to explore the nearest planets.

Defying Gravity launches Sunday on CTV/ABC.

The show will follow them on the mission, while also focusing on frequent side trips into the inter-relationships between the crew members.

Actress Laura Harris (24, Dead Like Me), who plays the dedicated, flighty scientist Barnes, says she was immediately sold on doing the show.

"It was totally unique and very exciting. The possibilities for plots were infinite."

Shot in Vancouver, Defying Gravity is a cross-border co-production between ABC and CTV.

For The Surrey-raised Harris, it's a bit of a homecoming, albeit not the first.

Harris, who has been acting since she was five, cut her creative teeth on a bevy of sci-fi vehicles shot in Canada over the years, including The X-Files, Stargate, and The Dead Zone.

Defying Gravity stars Laura Harris, left, and Ron Livingston.

FRIDAY

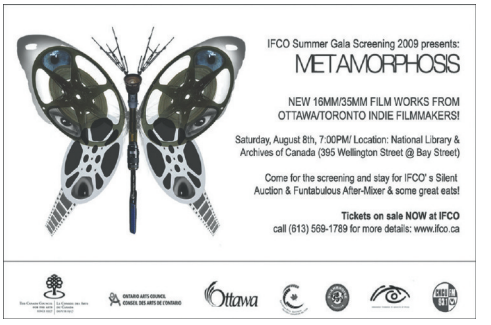
OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
7/31/09	265	353	2 TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		The Best of The Agenda		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Best-Agenda
primetime	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Unit		Mental "Do Over" (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		News
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Mr. Deeds* ★ (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				Stargate Atlantis (N)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7 CTV	Hollywood	Corner Gas	Ghost Whisperer		(9:02) Castle		Criminal Minds		News
	208	303	8 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Air Farce	Laughs	Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Southland "Pilot"		Dateline NBC				News
	-	362	13 CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV)		Ghost Whisperer		(9:02) Flashpoint		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14 OMN2	Rom Redux China		Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker	Man Tracker	Departures		Out There	Out There	News
	218	345	18 E!	The Insider	E News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		The E! True Hollywood Story		20/20 (HDTV)		News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Surviving Sub.	Goode Family	According-Jim	According-Jim	20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36 FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Mental "Do Over" (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27 net	Darts World Premier League.				Baseball	Jays	MLB Baseball: Blue Jays at Athletics		
	126	730	28 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	CFL Pregame	CFL Football BC Lions at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre	
family	554	544	48 TEL	Batman: Brave	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	*Team America: World Police* ★★★ (2004, Comedy)			
	557	540	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	*Roxy Hunter: The Myth of the Mermaid*			(9:02) *Motocrossed* (2001)			(10:34) *The Mighty*	
	551	542	65 YTV	*What a Girl Wants* ★ (2003, Comedy-Drama)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Cop Killer"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32 SPKE	UFC Unleashed		*Lethal Weapon* ★★★ (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Gary Busey.					*Lethal Weapon 2* (1989)	
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	520	505	42 DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman		American Loggers		Ancient World		Daily Planet
	581	566	53 MTV	Daddy's Girls	Daddy's Girls	The Real World		The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Sea Hunters
	603	561	95 FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

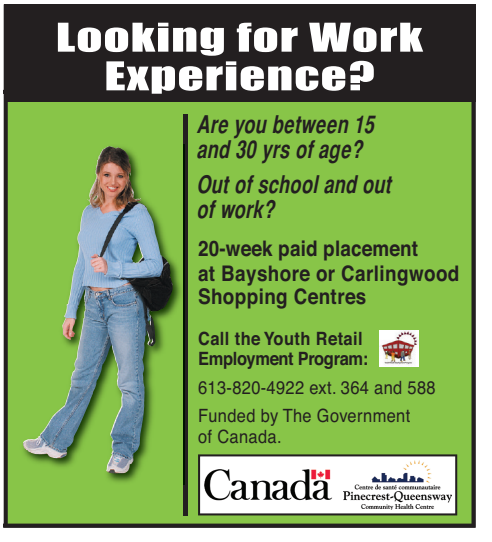
SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/1/09	265	353	2 TVO	National Geographic		*Vincent and Theo* ★★★ (1990, Biography) Tim Roth, Paul Rhys.					The Interviews	*Shine*
primetime	211	331	3 GTV	Doc "Wake Up Call"		The Unit "Hero"		Doc "Blindsided"		Doc		News Final (N)
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Mindstorm* ★ (2001, Drama) Antonio Sabato Jr.. (DVS)				Dirty Sexy Money (N)		Arts & Minds
	196	311	7 CTV	W-FIVE (DVS)		*Double Frame* (2001, Suspense) Daniel Baldwin. (DVS)				Law & Order: SVU		News
	208	303	8 CBC	The Nature of Things		To Be Announced		Canada Rocks the Capital		Intelligence (DVS)		*Lord of Rings*
	-	360	9 NBC	Paid Program	Wheel-Fortune	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Face the Ace (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13 CBS	Light Relief	The Insider	Cold Case (HDTV)		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*Red Sorghum* ★★★ (1988, Comedy-Drama) Gong Li.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15 CITY	Easy Money		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		*View of Terror* (2003, Suspense) Shannen Doherty.				News
	218	345	18 E!	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	*Absolution* (2006, Drama) Samantha Mathis. Premiere.				News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Entertainment Tonight		*Red Eye* ★★★ (2005, Suspense) Rachel McAdams.				Dirty Sexy Money (N)		News
	-	365	36 FOX	News	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		MADtv
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream Dynamic issues. (N)				Newsroom		CNN/Essence
sports	406	417	27 net	Sportsnet Connected		Baseball	Jays	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics. (HDTV) (Live)				
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	Humanima	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	NASCAR Race	SportsCentre	Boxing	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders.				
family	554	544	48 TEL	*Cats & Dogs* ★★ (2001, Comedy) Jeff Goldblum.				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	557	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*The Bridges of Madison County* ★★★ (1995, Romance)				*Cactus Kid*
	551	542	65 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		The Sopranos
	628	584	32 SPKE	(6:49) *Rocky III* ★★★ (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.				*Rocky IV* ★★ (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.				*Rocky V* ★★
	616	521	39 SHO	(4) *The Last Templar*		*Time and Again* (2007, Drama) Brooke Burns.				*Alexander* (2004, Historical Drama)		
	520	505	42 DIS	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Deadliest Catch		Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel
	581	566	53 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV Live	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	Doomed-Karluk		Betrayal!		*American History X* ★★★ (1998, Drama) Edward Norton.				
	603	561	95 FN	Grill It-Flay	Chef Abroad	Ramsay's Kitchen		The Next Food Network Star		Kitchen Nightmares		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/2/09	265	353	2 TVO	Centre of the Earth		My New Home		Examined Life (N)			(10:35) Carny	
primetime	211	331	3 GTV	King of Hill	American Dad	Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	News
	209	342	6 CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		America's Got Talent		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (N)				Look-A-Like
	196	311	7 CTV	Cold Case (HDTV)		Merlin "Excalibur" (N)		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (N)				News
	208	303	8 CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*Wild Hogs* ★ (2007, Comedy) Tim Allen.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doctor Who
	-	360	9 NBC	Dateline NBC		Merlin "Excalibur" (N)		*The Storm* (2009, Suspense) Treat Williams.				News
	-	362	13 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV)		Big Brother 11 (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Urdu-Language		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word	Trendy Zone	Mushuau Innu-Canada		Of Blessings
	214	344	15 CITY	The T.O. Show (N)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Royal Pains		Crusoe (HDTV) (DVS)		News
	218	345	18 E!	Mysteries	Mysteries	Deal or No Deal		D. Richards	Kendra	Radical Hollywood Remedies		News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Ty's Great British Adventure		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (N)				News
	-	365	36 FOX	'Til Death	American Dad	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream Dynamic issues.				Newsroom		CNN/Essence
sports	406	417	27 net	Sportsnet Connected		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						Sportsnet
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	Montréal vu	Documentaires-Découverte		Le Téléjournal	Voir double	Terres arct.	Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	WEC WrekCage (N)		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (HDTV)				SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48 TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Clone High
	557	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Hatching Pete* (2009, Comedy)			*Superman III* (1983)	
	551	542	65 YTV	*Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Motley Crue
	628	584	32 SPKE	DEA "Up the Ladder" (HDTV)		DEA (HDTV)		DEA (HDTV)		Jesse James Is a Dead Man		Jesse James
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard "Waheguru"		*Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict* (2008, Docudrama)				Rescue Me "Clean"		The Guard
	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters		MythBusters		Blood in the Water (N)				A. Bourdain
	581	566	53 MTV	Made "Kickboxer"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Live W Lauren
	522	506	55 HIS	Jurassic Fight Club		Cities of the Underworld		*Gangs of New York* ★★★ (2002, Historical Drama), Daniel Day-Lewis				
	603	561	95 FN	Challenge		I Do-Let's Eat!	I Do-Let's Eat!	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant





Burn Notice gets another season

USA's summer hits Burn Notice and Royal Pains have both been picked up for additional seasons, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The pickups follow on the heels of sizzling numbers for both series. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Rideau Canal Festival
When: Friday through Monday
Where: Various locations
Ottawa will host the second annual Rideau Canal Festival this weekend — a four-day celebration of the important landmark waterway.

Muslim Summer Festival
When: Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Where: Britannia Park
Showcasing a variety of cultural displays, a bazaar offering interesting products, services and ethnic food.

A Day at the Circus
When: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m
Where: Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
Experience the wonders of a 1920s and 1930s circus with Dr. Kaboom, and see acrobatics and creative arts.

Victorian Medical Show
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Billings Estate National Historic Site
Learn about the medical practices of the 19th century. Admission is $10.

Glengarry Highland Games
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Maxville
Witness traditional Scottish events with over 60 pipe bands, 200 Highland dancers, sports, pageantry and tradition.

Riverside Jam
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Carleton Place
Country music fans can get together for the Civic Holiday weekend in picturesque Riverside Park. Visit riversidejam.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Jillian Harris & Ed Swiderski
COUPLE The first-ever Canadian star of The Bachelorette made her pick this week amid much media hoopla and we can already hear wedding bells. If People magazine is to believed, the Vancouver-based restaurant designer and the tech consultant from Chicago can't seem to get enough of each other and are planning to tie the knot soon.

2 Funny People
FILM Will Judd Apatow's incredible run of hit comedies (The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Knocked Up) finally end? Movie forums are abuzz with anticipation about the director/producer's new dramedy on the lives of comedians. The nearly three-hour long film stars Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen.

3 JK Wedding Entrance
VIRAL VIDEO Walking down the aisle will never be the same. In this video, which has racked up 11 million hits on YouTube so far, guests at the wedding of Jill Peterson and Kevin Heinz opt for a little funky dance to the beat of Chris Brown's Forever. The rest, as they say, is viral video history.

4 Anjulie Persaud
ARTIST Her first video Boom has been blogged about by Kanye West and is getting major airplay on MTV. Already hailed as the new Nelly Furtado, the Oakville, Ont.-born songstress of Guyanese origin is the latest buzz girl of Canadian pop and expectations are sky high for her self-titled album, which comes out next week.

5 Twenties Girl: Sophie Kinsella
BOOK The chic-lit queen tries a light-hearted whodunit this time around. The story revolves around a young Brit named Lara Lington, her great-aunt Sadie and a missing necklace.

6 Tin Man
SHOW Somewhere over the rainbow lies a darker side of Oz and that's where a modernized Dorothy (Zooey Deschanel) and pals head to in this TV remake of the classic. The series premieres tomorrow on Space.

7 Life on Mars (U.K. Version)
DVD Never mind the cancelled ABC series. Here's the original thing, available on DVD in North America for the first time.

Sway magazine not hit by hard times

MAUREEN LITTLEJOHN
for Metro Canada

Economic realities have forced many publishers to downsize, but Toronto's Sway magazine is bucking the trend.

Geared towards a black audience, the glossy lifestyle quarterly is spreading its wings and going national. This month it is available in 150 stores across the country, including Chapters and Indigo locations.

"We've seen our revenues go up by 30 per cent in the last year and we'd like to make the magazine accessible to the whole country," says Alan Vernon, Sway's associate publisher and editorial director.

"There are 800,000 black people in the country. Half of that number is in Toronto, half is not. We want to raise our brand visibility outside the GTA."

Vernon says the magazine, free in Toronto, will be sold for $4.95 outside the city and adds, "We'll make a few thousand copies available across the country, around 20 copies per store."

Although the majority of the magazine's 50,000 circulation remains in the GTA, content is now more national in scope, says Vernon. "Our current issue has political stories on topics such as why Canada is getting out of Africa and why paleness of skin colour has been used as a measure of black beauty. Our content is inspirational and positive, not fluffy."

Unlike other publications that have seen their budgets shrink, the three-year-old magazine's ad base is growing.

"We've never had so many national ads as in our current Caribana issue. Agencies are waking up to our first-class product. Yes, times are tough, but we have buy-in from the community.

"We've got national ads from companies such as Movado, Blackberry, Appleton Rum and Kraft. I have to pinch myself and ask, 'Is this really happening?'"

Sway is published by the Star Media Group, a division of Toronto Star Newspapers Limited.

Sway magazine is a glossy lifestyle quaterly aimed at the country's black population.

Zac takes the plunge in B.C.

Tween idol Zac Efron, known more for his dancing and singing skills than for risking life and limb, took the plunge while bungee-jumping for the first time in Vancouver on Saturday, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna's right to bear arms

REBUTTAL Madonna's rep has dismissed a controversial snapshot of the pop star with muscular limbs and zero fat on them as a fake, popeater.com reports.

The photo, taken on July 26, raised questions about whether Madonna is over-exercising.

"Madonna's arms in the most recent photos have absolutely been altered by Photoshop or some other means," the rep told gossipcop.com on Wednesday. "Her arms do not look like that in real life."

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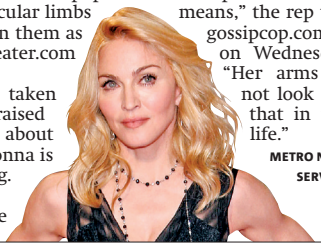

A little bit of country drama

DENIAL Country singer Kenny Chesney is blasting a tabloid report that he and Jessica Simpson flirted in front of Tony Romo at a July 4 party just days before the couple's breakup, people.com reports.

"Tony's a friend, and I wouldn't flirt with a buddy's girlfriend," Chesney told People. "More importantly, Jessica was just being sweet and there was nothing else to it.

"If a girl and her boyfriend can't go to someone's house for a Fourth of July party and talk to the other guests without it turning into a big nightmare … then I feel really sorry for Jessica and Tony, who're both really nice people," Chesney said. "I talked to a bunch of guests, hung out, had a good time."

Simpson and Romo split five days later on July 9 — the night before Simpson's 29th birthday.

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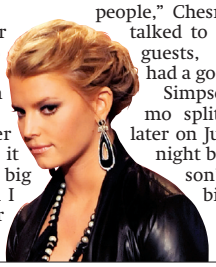

Mischa is moving too quickly: Pal

CONCERN Friends are worried that actress Mischa Barton is jumping into work on her new TV series, The Beautiful Life, too quickly after her recent hospitalization.

"Mischa needs more aggressive treatment over a long period of time," a friend told Gatecrasher. "It's only been a matter of days since she was released from the hospital, and I think she definitely wasn't there long enough.

"She needs to be very cautious — she's at a very big risk. I personally think it's a bad idea to go back this quickly, given her past history with substance abuse."

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Four times a father for Jude

DAD AGAIN Jude Law is set to become a father for the fourth time, his rep confirmed to Entertainment Weekly.

His rep confirmed a baby is on the way in the fall, but that "Mr. Law is no longer in a relationship with the individual concerned but he intends to be a fully supportive part of the child's life."

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Studio and Rachelle stand off

OFF-SET DRAMA After replacing Rachelle Lefevre with Bryce Dallas Howard for the third Twilight film Eclipse — and hearing how "stunned" and "hurt" Lefevre is — Summit Entertainment defended its decision, saying it's her fault, people.com reports.

"We … are disappointed by Rachelle Lefevre's recent comments which attempt to make her career choices the fault of the studio," a statement read.

According to Summit, Lefevre was well aware of the shooting schedule for Eclipse when she signed on with another movie that had a conflicting schedule. Making things worse, Lefevre didn't tell Summit about the other film until two months after agreeing to do it, Summit says.

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Katherine gets custody

FINALLY SETTLED The question of who gets custody of Michael Jackson's three kids has been answered: They're going with their grandmother, Katherine Jackson, her lawyer told the CBS Early Show yesterday.

L. Londell McMillan said that after several weeks of negotiations, Katherine reached a deal with Debbie Rowe, the biological mother of the older two children, which gives Rowe visitation rights but no financial compensation.

"This is not a money deal," McMillan said. "There's no situation better for these children then to be raised and reared under the care of Mrs. Jackson."

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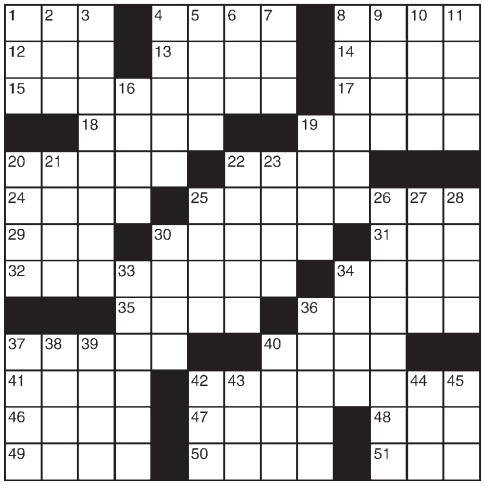

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	2	3		7	1			
8			2					
9		2	4		8			
	4						8	
			5		9	6		1
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			6	9		3	2	
2	7					5		

ACROSS

1 Completely
4 Tarot cards' determination
8 Pack away
12 Vast expanse
13 Finished
14 One of the Three Bears
15 Optimistic
17 Wishes otherwise
18 Midas' desire
19 Snag
20 Basilica areas
22 Erstwhile ugly duckling
24 Men
25 Bits of trickery
29 Grecian vessel
30 Michael of tennis
31 Exist
32 GOP symbol
34 Recognized
35 Safecracker
36 Theater boxes
37 Bank structure
40 Hardy cabbage
41 Roughly
42 Pocket Books logo
46 Adolescent
47 Sandwich cookie
48 Possess
49 They're prominent on 32-Across
50 Summer desserts
51 Born

DOWN

1 Fool
2 Meadow
3 "Auld —"
4 Basketball nonos
5 Eager
6 X rating?
7 Earlier than
8 Leap
9 Tense
10 Cartel acronym
11 Lave
16 "And so it —"
19 Reagan Cabinet member
20 Chills and fever
21 Knitting stitch
22 Word on the street?
23 Departed
25 Carpet type
26 Parasite
27 Genealogy chart
28 Fixes a seam
30 Guitarist Atkins
33 Traffic cones
34 Caffeine-rich nut
36 Former capital of Nigeria
37 Cast a ballot
38 Vicinity
39 AOL client, e.g.
40 Dandling site
42 Japanese pond carp
43 Joan of —
44 Have bills
45 Inseparable

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

6	2	4	8	7	3	9	1	5
7	9	5	2	6	1	4	3	8
8	3	1	4	5	9	6	2	7
3	6	2	1	8	5	7	4	9
9	1	7	6	4	2	5	8	3
5	4	8	3	9	7	2	6	1
1	7	6	5	2	8	3	9	4
2	8	9	7	3	4	1	5	6
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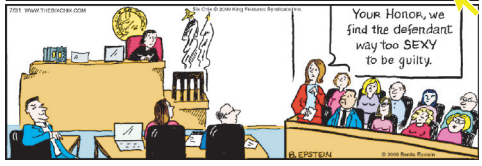

Metro Recipe of the Day

Warm Tuna, Pasta and Parsley Salad

INGREDIENTS:
8 oz (250 g) cherry tomatoes
1 large red onion, cut into wedges
2 garlic cloves, sliced
1/4 cup (50 mL) pine nuts
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
10 oz (300 g) penne
15 oz (425 g) canned tuna in spring water, drained
4.5 oz (125 g) canned corn kernels, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

INGREDIENTS:
1 lemon, juiced
1/3 cup (75 mL) extra virgin olive oil
2 tsp (10 mL) wholegrain mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) bottled capers, rinsed and roughly chopped

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line baking tray with baking paper and lay out cherry tomatoes, onion, garlic and pine nuts. Drizzle with oil, season to taste and gently toss. Roast 15–20 minutes or until tomatoes are softened and pine nuts are lightly browned. Remove from oven and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, cook pasta in large pot of boiling water according to pack instructions.
3. For dressing, combine lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, mustard and capers in small bowl and mix thoroughly.
4. Once pasta is cooked, strain in colander, then return to pot. Add roasted tomato mixture, tuna, corn, parsley and dressing to pasta and mix gently, without breaking up tomatoes too much.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your instincts can usually be trusted to point you in the right direction, but today they may not be quite so reliable, so think twice.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A colleague will fall out of favor on the work front today, leaving the way clear for you to step in and move up the ladder. It's your big chance!

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
By all means push ahead with your plans today, but bear in mind that while Mercury opposes Neptune, some of those plans may be questionable.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll be offered some kind of deal, and it will be tempting to say the least, but you must not agree to do anything that goes against your principles.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A business associate will try to convince you that what they are selling is worth more than you are willing to pay. Don't fall for it.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You are well aware of your shortcomings but you are even more aware that you have done many things to be proud of. Feel good about yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You can expect some kind of bonus or reward today, but it does not have to be of a financial nature. Most likely you will be granted an insight.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The more you want to follow a certain course of action, the more others will try to convince you to do something different.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It will pay you to be nice to people today, not least because you will need their help later on. And while you're at it, why not change your perspective?

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Stick to what you know best and don't stray into areas where your understanding is limited. What are you passionate about?

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Raise your sights as high as you can and believe that you can create something meaningful and magnificent in the world. You have a special talent.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Everything around you may be in flux at the moment, but you are a picture of perfect calm. Why change for the sake of change?

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- load • a/c
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- St:27408
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$101** BI-WEEKLY

2005 HONDA CR-V
- load • a/c
- 4WD • auto
- St:27636
- 95996 km

$16,480

$180* BI-WEEKLY

2005 ALTIMA 2.5S EXTRA
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28059
- 92981 km

$10,950

$120* BI-WEEKLY

2009 COROLLA CE
- load
- a/c
- St:27775
- 38104 km

$15,850

$135*** BI-WEEKLY

2005 VOLVO S40
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28166
- 78189 km

$17,980

$197* BI-WEEKLY

2005 ACURA EL TOURING
- load • a/c
- roof • auto
- St:28215
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$142* BI-WEEKLY

2007 DODGE NITRO SXT
- load • a/c
- 4WD
- St:28175
- 26291 km

$17,850

$152*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 IMPREZA
- S/W • load
- a/c • AWD
- St:27588
- 67838 km

$14,980

$143** BI-WEEKLY

2005 SORENTO EX
- load • a/c
- 4WD • auto
- St:28046
- 70359 km

$12,650

$138* BI-WEEKLY

2007 MAZDA5
- load • a/c
- lthr • auto
- St:27971
- 55285 km

$16,890

$144*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 SANTA FE
- load
- a/c
- St:28119
- 69790 km

$10,980

$105** BI-WEEKLY

2005 CHRYSLER 300
- load
- a/c
- St:27955
- 85223 km

$12,350

$135* BI-WEEKLY

2008 YARIS
- a/c
- auto
- St:26898
- 23350 km

$13,850

$118*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 CAMRY LE
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28049
- 87324 km

$13,650

$130** BI-WEEKLY

2006 FORD F-150 XLT TRITON
- load • a/c
- 4x4 • SCAB
- St:28053
- 42319 km

$20,850

$199** BI-WEEKLY

2007 FORD RANGER SPORT
- load • a/c
- 4x4
- St:28138
- 35328 km

$18,460

$157*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 SMART FORTWO
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:27921
- 22417 km

$13,950

$133** BI-WEEKLY

2007 ACCORD
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:26400
- 64120 km

$17,950

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- auto
- St:27933
- 37428 km

$17,950

$153*** BI-WEEKLY

2006 BENZ B200
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:27932
- 75315 km

$17,450

$166** BI-WEEKLY

2004 MAZDA3
- auto
- St:27249
- 74111 km

$8,950

$98* BI-WEEKLY

2004 OPTRA5
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:26931
- 56962 km

$8,840

$97* BI-WEEKLY

2005 SATURN ION QUAD COUPE
- a/c
- St:27900
- 88822 km

$5,850

$64* BI-WEEKLY

2008 LEGACY
- load • a/c •AWD
- auto • roof
- St:27932
- 25744 km

$21,850

$186*** BI-WEEKLY

2007 CALIBER SXT
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28187
- 70652 km

$10,450

$89*** BI-WEEKLY

2005 NISSAN X-TRAIL SE
- loaded • auto
- roof • 4WD
- St:27959
- 93233 km

$13,960

$153* BI-WEEKLY

2005 IMPALA
- load
- a/c
- St:27791
- 70997 km

$8,960

$98* BI-WEEKLY

2004 MONTANA EXT
- load
- a/c
- St:26208
- 71912 km

$9,870

$108* BI-WEEKLY

2006 FOCUS SE XZ4
- a/c
- auto
- St:27821
- 91010 km

$7,470

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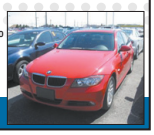

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- load • a/c
- auto
- St:26366
- 46654 km

$16,880

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2005 PONTIAC G6
- load • a/c
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- St:27992
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2005 SATURN VUE
- a/c
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- 53113 km

$9,750

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2005 VIBE
- a/c
- St:27773
- 80370 km

$9,750

$107* BI-WEEKLY

2007 CIVIC
- load • a/c
- auto
- St:28062
- 33718 km

$14,480

$123*** BI-WEEKLY

2005 MURANO SE
- loaded • roof
- lthr • AWD
- St:28037
- 87131 km

$19,860

$217* BI-WEEKLY

2006 MIATA MX5 CONVERT
- load • a/c
- auto • lthr
- St:27533
- 53323 km

$21,890

$208** BI-WEEKLY

2005 UPLANDER LT
- load
- a/c
- St:28156
- 81357 km

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$109* BI-WEEKLY

2005 FOCUS SE ZX4
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- auto
- St:27969
- 78155 km

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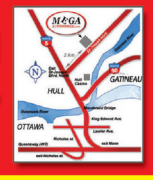

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